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PIG CROP REPORT

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The number of hogs and pigs in the 10 Corn Belt States on March 1, 1968 is estimated at 39.0 million head, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is an increase of 1 percent from the year earlier total of 38.8 million head, and is down seasonally from the 44.1 million on hand December 1, 1967. The 10 States included in this report are Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas.

Estimated inventory numbers on March 1, 1968 were above a year earlier in 4 States--Missouri, up 5 percent; South Dakota, 9 percent; Nebraska, 4 percent; and Kansas, 6 percent. Three States were down from a year earlier--Ohio, down 3 percent; Indiana, 4 percent, and Wisconsin, 2 percent. Illinois, Minnesota, and Iowa were unchanged. The March 1 inventory in the 10 States is 12 percent less than the December 1 inventory compared with the average decline of about 11 percent.

ALL HOGS AND PIGS ON FARMS, SOWS FARROWING AND PIG CROP, 10 STATES

Item	Average 1962-66	1967	1968	1968 percent of 1967
	1,000	1,000	1,000	
	head	head	head	Percent
ALL HOGS ON FARMS				
March 1	39,850	38,775	39,004	101
DECEMBER-FEBRUARY PIG CROP				
Sows farrowing	1,722	1,745	1,747	100
Pigs per litter	1/	2/7.32	2/7.28	---
Pig crop	1/	12,770	12,719	100
SOWS FARROWING				
March-May	3,441	3,351	3/3,241	97
June-August	2,264	2,240	3/2,183	97

- 1/ Not available.
- 2/ Actual number.
- 3/ Number indicated by breeding intentions report.

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Of the total March 1 inventory, 7,051,000 head were being kept for breeding purposes, 3 percent less than a year earlier. Hogs and pigs other than those kept for breeding, are estimated at 31,953,000 head, 1 percent more than the 31,532,000 on hand March 1, 1967.

Estimated numbers of other hogs and pigs by weight groups compared with a year earlier shows the under 60 pound group at 11,816,000 head, up 2 percent; the 60-119 pound group at 6,833,000, up 1 percent; the 120-179 pound group at 7,813,000, up 1 percent; the 180-219 pound group at 4,523,000, also up 1 percent; and the 220 pounds and over group at 968,000, up 2 percent.

DECEMBER-FEBRUARY PIG CROP

The December-February 1968 pig crop for the 10 States totaled 12,719,000 head, slightly below the crop for the same period a year earlier. The number of sows farrowed was 1,747,000, compared with 1,745,000 sows for the December-February 1967 period. The average number of pigs per litter for the December-February 1968 quarter, at 7.28, is down slightly from a year earlier. On December 1, 1967 farmers in the 10 States reported expected farrowings for the December-February quarter at 1,749,000 sows. For the month of December 1967, the 462,000 sows farrowed numbered 4 percent above a year earlier. January 1968 farrowings, at 572,000, were up 3 percent from January 1967, and in February 713,000 sows farrowed, 4 percent below a year earlier.

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Number of hogs and pigs on farms, pig crop, inshipments, death loss and marketings,
December 1-March 1, 1967-68, 10 States

Item	1966	1967
	- - -	<u>1,000 head</u> - - -
Hogs and Pigs on hand Dec. 1	44,055	44,098
	1967	1968
Pig crop Dec. 1/ - Feb.	12,770	12,719
Inshipments 2/ Dec. 1/ - Feb.	189	232
Slaughter 3/ Dec. 1/ - Feb.	17,258	16,993
Death Loss 4/ Dec. 1/ - Feb.	981	1,052
Hogs and Pigs on hand Mar. 1	38,775	39,004

1/ Dec. preceding year.

2/ Includes only those shipped in from States outside the 10 States.

3/ Includes farm slaughter, and feeder pig outshipments to States other than the 10 States.

4/ Death loss of hogs and pigs on hand December 1, or purchased after December 1. Does not include loss of pigs farrowed Dec.-Feb.

Hogs and Pigs: Number of hogs and pigs on farms, breeding and other, December 1, 1966 and 1967, selected States

State	For breeding			Other			All hogs and pigs		
	1967			1967			1967		
	1966	As % of	1966	1966	As % of	1966	As % of	1966	1966
	Number	1966	Number	Number	1966	Number	Number	1966	Number
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Ohio	342	335	98	2,190	2,146	98	2,532	2,481	98
Indiana :	646	625	97	3,811	3,654	96	4,457	4,279	96
Illinois :	1,165	1,106	95	6,115	6,028	99	7,280	7,134	98
Wisconsin:	348	322	93	1,438	1,375	96	1,786	1,697	95
Minnesota:	535	512	96	2,578	2,570	100	3,113	3,082	99
Iowa	2,125	2,295	108	12,532	12,509	100	14,657	14,804	101
Missouri :	615	674	110	3,486	3,673	105	4,101	4,347	106
S.Dakota :	309	328	106	1,363	1,444	106	1,672	1,772	106
Nebraska :	458	453	99	2,496	2,471	99	2,954	2,924	99
Kansas ..:	225	252	112	1,278	1,326	104	1,503	1,578	105
Total 10 States	6,768	6,902	102	37,287	37,196	100	44,055	44,098	100
Hawaii ..:	10	10	100	59	58	98	69	68	99

Number of other hogs and pigs on farms by weight groups, December 1, 1966 and 1967, selected States

State	Under 60 lbs.		60-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180-219 lbs.		220 lbs. and over	
	1966		1966		1966		1966		1966	
	1967		1967		1967		1967		1967	
	1966		1966		1966		1966		1966	
	1,000 head		1,000 head		1,000 head		1,000 head		1,000 head	
Ohio	841	841	635	644	438	397	237	225	39	39
Indiana :	1,193	1,169	1,124	1,078	934	840	457	468	103	99
Illinois :	1,999	2,037	1,749	1,754	1,315	1,254	850	802	202	181
Wisconsin:	597	564	367	289	269	296	162	185	43	41
Minnesota:	876	915	722	771	503	488	356	319	121	77
Iowa	4,210	4,128	3,196	3,277	2,657	2,564	1,855	1,914	614	626
Missouri :	1,349	1,469	854	881	715	735	401	404	167	184
S.Dakota :	450	520	313	347	279	274	239	217	82	86
Nebraska :	901	949	671	677	492	452	312	289	120	104
Kansas ..:	511	530	307	345	256	252	153	146	51	53
Total 10 States	12,927	13,122	9,938	10,063	7,858	7,552	5,022	4,969	1,542	1,490
1967 as % of 1966	102		101		96		99		97	
	1,000 head		1,000 head		1,000 head		1,000 head		1,000 head	
Hawaii ..:	26	28	19	18	12	11	2	1	---	---

Hogs and pigs: Number of hogs and pigs on farms, breeding,
and other, March 1, 1967 and 1968, selected States

State	For breeding			Other			All hogs and pigs		
	1968			1968			1968		
	1967	Number	As % of	1967	Number	As % of	1967	Number	As % of
		1967	1967		1967	1967		1967	1967
	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000	
	head	head	Percent	head	head	Percent	head	head	Percent
Ohio	362	363	100	2,054	1,981	96	2,416	2,344	97
Ind.	688	608	88	3,531	3,442	97	4,219	4,050	96
Ill.	1,128	1,084	96	5,246	5,290	101	6,374	6,374	100
Wis.	343	325	95	1,100	1,089	99	1,443	1,414	98
Minn.	514	504	98	2,165	2,175	100	2,679	2,679	100
Iowa	2,429	2,367	97	10,029	10,091	101	12,458	12,458	100
Mo.	657	690	105	2,993	3,142	105	3,650	3,832	105
S. Dak.	367	349	95	968	1,106	114	1,335	1,455	109
Nebr.	510	531	104	2,248	2,337	104	2,758	2,868	104
Kans.	245	230	94	1,198	1,300	109	1,443	1,530	106
Total 10 States	7,243	7,051	97	31,532	31,953	101	38,775	39,004	101
Hawaii	10	10	100	58	57	98	68	67	99

Number of other hogs and pigs on farms by weight groups,
March 1, 1967 and 1968, selected States

State	Under		60-119		120-179		180-219		220 lbs.	
	60 lbs.		lbs.		lbs.		lbs.		and over	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
	1,000 head									
Ohio	791	772	452	446	513	475	257	248	41	40
Ind.	1,483	1,394	777	778	741	740	459	458	71	72
Ill.	1,951	1,814	1,081	1,164	1,322	1,381	745	793	147	138
Wis.	462	466	211	214	250	234	154	153	23	22
Minn.	888	892	370	413	476	457	357	348	74	65
Iowa	3,310	3,562	2,166	2,008	2,668	2,624	1,534	1,514	351	383
Mo.	1,122	1,194	718	754	689	723	344	352	120	119
S. Dak.	344	398	203	232	232	277	150	160	39	39
Nebr.	821	830	506	538	553	596	312	315	56	58
Kans.	455	494	270	286	284	306	158	182	31	32
Total 10 States	11,627	11,816	6,754	6,833	7,728	7,813	4,470	4,523	953	968
1968 as % of 1967	102		101		101		101		102	
Hawaii	28	27	18	18	11	11	1	1	---	---

Sows farrowing, pigs per litter and pig crop
December 1/ through February, selected States

State	Sows farrowing			Pigs per		Pig crop 2/		
	Average:	1968		litter		1968		
	1962-66:	1967:	Number:	As % of:	1967:	1968:	1967:	Number:
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1967:	1967:	1968:	1,000	1,000
	head	head	head	Percent	Number	Number	head	head
								Percent
Ohio	114	116	115	99	7.22	7.10	838	816
Ind.	252	219	215	98	7.21	7.26	1,579	1,561
Ill.	312	307	292	95	7.27	7.05	2,232	2,059
Wis.	86	83	80	96	7.25	7.79	602	623
Minn.	142	136	136	100	7.59	7.78	1,032	1,058
Iowa	441	462	471	102	7.37	7.25	3,405	3,415
Mo.	172	186	190	102	7.14	7.08	1,328	1,345
S. Dak.	44	50	55	110	7.43	7.60	372	418
Nebr.	95	116	119	103	7.45	7.45	864	887
Kans.	63	70	74	106	7.40	7.26	518	537
Total 10 States	1,722	1,745	1,747	100	7.32	7.28	12,770	12,719
Hawaii	2.7	2.9	3.0	103	6.91	6.65	20	20

1/ December preceding year.

2/ Number of pigs farrowed December through February which are still on hand March 1 of have been sold.

Sows farrowing December through February, by months, selected States

State	1967			1968					
				Number			Percent of 1967		
	Dec. 1/:	Jan.	Feb.	Dec. 1/:	Jan.	Feb.	Dec. 1/:	Jan.	Feb.
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
	head	head	head	head	head	head			
Ohio	27	44	45	31	37	47	115	84	104
Ind.	55	72	92	52	77	86	95	107	93
Ill.	83	101	123	82	93	117	99	92	95
Wis.	22	27	34	22	27	31	100	100	91
Minn.	31	41	64	34	45	57	110	110	89
Iowa	115	139	208	127	146	198	110	105	95
Mo.	54	59	73	53	67	70	98	114	96
S. Dak.	10	13	27	11	16	28	110	123	104
Nebr.	29	36	51	29	37	53	100	103	104
Kans.	17	24	29	21	27	26	124	112	90
Total 10 States	443	556	746	462	572	713	104	103	96
Hawaii9	1.0	1.0	.9	1.0	1.1	100	100	110

1/ December preceding year.

Sows farrowing, pigs per litter and pig crop, March-May selected States

State	Sows farrowing				Pigs per		Pig crop	
	Average 1962-66	1967	1968 1/		litter	1967	2/	1967
			Number	As % of 1967				
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	Number			1,000 head
Ohio	169	155	146	94	7.30			1,132
Ind.	252	235	226	96	7.69			1,807
Ill.	572	529	503	95	7.39			3,909
Wis.	163	149	146	98	7.38			1,100
Minn.	304	268	265	99	7.60			2,037
Iowa	1,121	1,179	1,120	95	7.17			8,453
Mo.	283	293	284	97	7.63			2,236
S. Dak.	214	200	192	96	7.29			1,458
Nebr.	265	245	255	104	7.43			1,820
Kans.	97	98	104	106	7.62			747
Total 10 States	3,441	3,351	3,241	97	7.37			24,699
Hawaii	2.8	2.8	3.0	107	7.11			20

1/ Number indicated by breeding intentions report.

2/ Number of pigs farrowed March through May which are still on hand June 1 or have been sold.

Sows farrowing March through May, by months, selected States

State	1967			1968 1/					
	Mar.	Apr.	May	Number			Percent of 1967		
				Mar.	Apr.	May	Mar.	Apr.	May
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Ohio	62	54	39	54	48	44	87	89	113
Ind.	96	82	57	95	81	50	99	99	88
Ill.	206	196	127	196	196	111	95	100	87
Wis.	60	49	40	60	48	38	100	98	95
Minn.	102	102	64	101	101	63	99	99	98
Iowa	377	472	330	358	448	314	95	95	95
Mo.	97	111	85	88	116	80	91	105	94
S. Dak.	64	86	50	61	85	46	95	99	92
Nebr.	83	98	64	84	107	64	101	109	100
Kans.	39	37	22	40	38	26	103	103	118
Total 10 States	1,186	1,287	878	1,137	1,268	836	96	99	95
Hawaii8	.9	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	125	111	91

1/ Number indicated by breeding intentions report.

Sows farrowing, pigs per litter and pig crop,
June-August, selected States

State	June-August					
	Sows farrowing				Pigs per	Pig
	1968 1/				litter	crop 2/-
	Average 1962-66	1967	Number	As % of 1967	1967	1967
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	Number	1,000 head
Ohio	144	136	128	94	7.54	1,025
Ind.	293	254	241	95	7.54	1,915
Ill.	407	417	384	92	7.27	3,032
Wis.	116	102	102	100	7.55	770
Minn.	189	178	185	104	7.50	1,335
Iowa	644	665	652	98	7.36	4,894
Mo.	225	235	237	101	7.20	1,692
S. Dak.	60	64	56	88	7.20	461
Nebr.	120	116	124	107	7.40	858
Kans.	66	73	74	102	7.51	548
Total 10 States	2,264	2,240	2,183	97	7.38	16,530
Hawaii	2.8	2.9	3.0	103	7.24	21

1/ Number indicated by breeding intentions report.

2/ Number of pigs farrowed June through August which were still on hand or sold by September 1.

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MARCH-MAY INTENTIONS

Farmers reported intentions to farrow 3,241,000 sows during the March-May quarter, 3 percent less than last year. Kansas and Nebraska each show increases while the other 8 States expect decreases. Expected monthly farrowings are: March, 1,137,000, down 4 percent from a year earlier; April, 1,268,000, down 1 percent; and May, 836,000, down 5 percent. Intentions for the March-May quarter reported on March 1, 1968 are 7,000 head lower, or less than one percent below the intentions reported for this period on December 1, 1967.

JUNE-AUGUST INTENTIONS

Farmers in the 10 Corn Belt States have indicated intentions to breed 2,183,000 sows to farrow during the June-August 1968 quarter, 3 percent below a year earlier. Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and Kansas expect increases ranging from 1 to 7 percent. Wisconsin expects no change from last year, while decreases in the remaining five States range from 2 percent in Iowa to 12 percent in South Dakota.

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